

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action dated May 2, 2006, is respectfully requested in view of this amendment. By this amendment, the specification has been amended to describe Figure 6. Support is found in the original claims and as previously presented in Figure 6. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132. Claims 19-40, 49-61, 63-65, 67-75 and 78-82 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1-18, 41-48, 62, 66 and 76-77 are pending in this application.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 22-25, 29, 33, 42-45 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. §103. These rejections are believed to be addressed by the cancellation of the non-allowed claims.

Terminal Disclaimer

A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith. The terminal disclaimer is believed to overcome the outstanding double patenting rejection.

Substitute Drawing

A substitute drawing sheet, rendering Figure 6, is submitted herewith. The substitute sheet renders Figure 6 in formal condition. The drawing also includes element numbers as called out in the amendment to the Specification.

Obviousness Rejection

Claims 19-40, 49-61, 63-65, 67-75 and 78-82 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over a number of prior art references. By this response and amendment, those claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Thus, the basis for this rejection has been removed. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Allowed Claims

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-18, 41-48, 62, 66 and 76-77 allowed, subject to the submission of a terminal disclaimer. Applicants appreciate this determination of allowability.

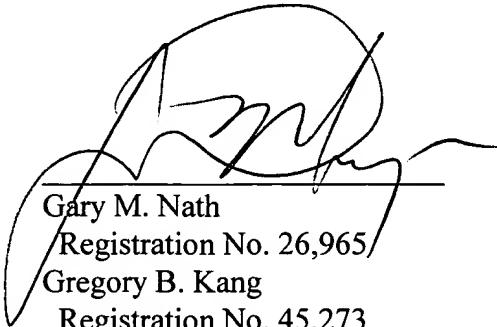
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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